

<1/15/19 STRIKE UPDATE #1> Strike Likely to Continue Tomorrow, Reports of Calls To Parents

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Dear LA Charter Leaders,

We hope all is well at your school sites. We are writing with a mid-day strike update to share updated resources given this morning's developments and to request that you fill out this survey *after* picketing wraps up this afternoon to keep us up to date about activity on your campuses. This information is critical for us to understand whether and how we should adjust our support – please fill it out as soon as protests are over in the afternoon. We expect the strike to continue at least tomorrow, and potentially through the end of the week.

We are hearing reports that some charter parents are being called with false messages that their schools will be closed tomorrow. Please act quickly to clarify that you will be open through all your communication channels to protect against these types of actions.

As a reminder, we are hosting our daily call at 5pm today to share updates, resources, information, and support your needs as the strike continues.

We ask you to do the following things today:

1. Send this updated letter to your families, if you deem it necessary. Please feel free to modify. We expect UTLA's strike to continue tomorrow, and parents may be confused with this morning's news that teachers from The Accelerated Schools have gone on strike. We have updated this resource to reflect these developments.
2. Fill out the survey *after* picketing wraps up this afternoon at your school sites.
3. Join our member call at 5PM today.

Here are important updates from the morning:

- LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner and Board President Monica Garcia held a press conference this morning to call attention to the drop in LAUSD attendance and call for leaders and educators to go together to Sacramento in pursuit of more funding from the state.
- UTLA held a press conference at The Accelerated Schools to announce a strike by these teachers. CCSA is providing support to our member.
- UTLA protested CCSA offices this morning at 10:30; Alex Caputo-Pearl used the rally to repeat a call for a cap on charter schools, and also highlighted the strike at The Accelerated Schools as the first in California.
- Myrna Castrejon is fielding media dozens of media requests today related to the strike and charter schools and will be focused on student safety and learning, opportunities for partnership, and a need to be aligned and focused on increased funding for all students.
- Protest activity affecting charter school operations seemed to not be widespread, but it is unclear if actions will increase this afternoon after the anti-charter rally at CCSA. Again, please fill out today's survey at the end of the day to give us a clearer picture of activity on your campuses.

Thanks,

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